

# CALLING FOR AN END TO RECENT CONFLICT BETWEEN ERITREA AND ETHIOPIA

## HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 1998*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 292, a concurrent resolution calling for an end to the recent conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia. I support this bill for several reasons. First, I am concerned that this conflict shows signs of worsening, ravaging a civilian population that has experienced severe hardship during the last half century. The threat to the civilian populations of Eritrea and Ethiopia is real, as both countries are among the largest recipients of international aid.

Thus, far hundreds of soldiers and civilians have died on both sides. Towns and villages have suffered aerial bombardment. Just one example of the horrors of this war, occurred as an Eritrean fighter plane strafed a schoolyard killing dozens of children. Both sides have begun gathering citizens of the other country for deportation which raises the specter of genocide.

Second, this conflict threatens to undermine United States efforts to increase investment and trade in the region. During the President's recent trip to the African continent, the President indicated a willingness to increase America's economic ties in the region. This conflict represents a major obstacle to America's efforts to continue to develop and foster an economic partnership on the continent.

Finally, the strategic importance of this region has long been viewed as vital to United States interests. The Horn of Africa has long been viewed as a strategic area of the globe because of its proximity to the sea lands linking the oil rich Persian Gulf region with the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean.

This Congress should pass House Concurrent Resolution 292 and support all efforts which will mediate an immediate end to the conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia.

# NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

## HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 1998*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Transfiguration on the 90th anniversary of its founding. Throughout its history, the Cathedral of the Holy Transfiguration had dedicated itself to providing spiritual guidance to the growing immigrant population of Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

The Cathedral was founded in 1908, with construction beginning on the cathedral in 1916. In 1921 Archbishop Platon consecrated the church. This large, beautiful house of worship was listed in the National Registry of Historic Places in 1980.

The Cathedral of the Holy Transfiguration would not have grown and prospered without

its dedicated parishioners and priests. The first Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Rev. Alexander Hotovitzky. The first assigned pastor was Rev. Theofan Buketoff. Since that time a number of distinguished theologians have had the privilege of serving the Greenpoint community through the Cathedral of the Holy Transfiguration.

The Cathedral has met the challenge presented by the diverse and growing immigrant population of the community by offering a variety of religious and spiritual services. Among these are Divine Liturgies, Vigil, panikhida and Vespers. The church encourages the active participation of its parishioners in its liturgical life.

Additionally, the church provides myriad services for the community via various clubs and associations. These church sponsored organizations also provide a sense of community and belonging for their members. These organizations include the Brotherhood of the Holy Trinity, the Transfiguration Russian Orthodox Club, the Church School, the Parents Association and a special organization for new immigrants. These groups provide services ranging from church maintenance to youth educational programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Transfiguration as it celebrates its 90th anniversary. I am honored to have such a distinguished and important parish in my district continuing in a long tradition of spiritual and community service.

# DAVID P. RICHARDSON, JR., POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

## HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 1998*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3999, which will designate the United States Postal Service building located at 5209 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building."

Mr. Speaker, Dave Richardson was a man like few others. I heard the many kind things my colleagues said about Ron Dellums today. I didn't serve with Mr. Dellums, but I worked for many years with Dave. And based on what I've heard about Ron, he and Dave were cut from the same cloth.

Dave Richardson was a fighter for justice. He never stopped working on behalf of the poor and working people of this country, especially those in his beloved Germantown. Mr. Speaker I am proud to share the representation of Dave's old district with this bill's sponsor, Mr. FATTAH. And every day, I can see the results of Dave's tireless work. Dave earned and kept the respect of everyone who knew him in Philadelphia, in the State House in Harrisburg and across this great nation through his work with other African American legislators. He was a leader. He was a warrior. And happily, Dave Richardson was my friend. I am proud to join my colleagues in supporting this bill.

# A TRIBUTE TO HELEN FANNING ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

## HON. WILLIAM. O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 1998*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a woman who has seen a century, Mrs. Helen Fanning, on the event of her 100th birthday, September 21, 1998.

I am pleased to remark that the Village of Justice, Illinois, is proclaiming the week of September 20 through 26, 1998 "Helen Fanning Week" in honor of Mrs. Helen Fanning's 100th birthday. The family and friends of Mrs. Helen Fanning will be celebrating with a birthday party, where the proclamation will be presented.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mrs. Helen Fanning on achieving this great milestone and extend to her my best wishes for many more birthdays to come.

# RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF GENERAL GERARD BROHM

## HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 1998*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations and thanks to Major General Gerard P. Brohm, who is retiring after thirty two years of dedicated service to his country in the United States Army. Born in New York City, General Brohm first enlisted in the Army in 1966, taking basic and advanced training as an infantryman. He and his wife, Ines, have four children: Maria Elena, Kathy, Jerry, and Michael.

In July of 1967, General Brohm received the commission of Second Lieutenant and then served in Vietnam as a platoon leader. During his career, he has served as commander of two companies at Fort Bragg, S-3 and Executive Officer for the 41st Signal Battalion in Korea, and as Battalion Commander for the 143rd Signal Battalion, 3rd Armored Division. He has also served as the Brigade Commander for the 93rd Signal Brigade, VII Corps, as well as Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, Georgia.

General Brohm has also been a distinguished staff officer, whose assignments have included Executive Officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations and Plans for the U.S. Army Communications Command in Fort Huachuca, Arizona, Director of Combat Developments and Communications at Fort Gordon, Georgia, and finally as Chief of the Communications Systems Section, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Belgium.

Since January 10, 1995, Major General Brohm has served as Commanding General, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) and Fort Monmouth. He has overseen the expansion of the mission of CECOM and the consolidation of functions onto Fort Monmouth from other installations. He also has been an active advocate for the Army as it plans to digitize the battlefield. His tireless commitment to modernizing Army communications will serve this nation well for many decades to come.